

OUTREACH

RENFREW NORTH PARISH CHURCH

2019 – summer edition

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Dear Friends,

During a short-lived but welcome warmer spell of weather recently (I am writing this at the end of April), I noticed in the local Tesco store (other supermarkets are available!) a sudden increase in the number of barbecues, barbecue foods and associated barbecue paraphernalia for sale. Barbecues are certainly a feature of summer life. There is something uplifting about being in the sun, cooking food outside and sharing that time with some family or friends. It doesn't matter that the food is slightly burnt, or that the rolls fall on the ground. That is somehow part of the attraction.



Soon after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he met with his disciples on the beach for a barbecue. They had been out fishing all night and Jesus approaches them in the early morning, hails them in a way that they recognise from before ("let down your nets on the other side") and when they arrive on the beach with boats laden with fish, he has got the fire going. They gather round the fire, and they eat breakfast together. The friends are back together, probably reminiscing about times past, enjoying each other's company, and probably full of questions. This is a moment that they will remember - a time sharing breakfast together, on the sand or the shingle, waves lapping alongside them. Friends talking and laughing together, a moment that will not be repeated again. This is the last time that Jesus will see them before he returns to his Father, but he helps them to remember him and to commit themselves again to his task. The subsequent conversation between Jesus and Peter sets the tone - lead my people and feed my sheep. A big ask, and yet one to which Peter and all the followers commit themselves.

Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to the task before us - following him, leading his people and feeding his sheep. He expects great things from us but gives us all that we need to carry out the task. Through his Holy Spirit, he will give us the strength that we need, the words that we need to say, and the love and peace necessary to carry out his work with grace.

During these coming summer months, when hopefully the sun will shine, enjoy the moments that you spend with family and friends, but above all enjoy the moments that you spend with Jesus in prayer. Talk with him, laugh with him and be inspired by him.

Every blessing

Philip

Prayer Group

The last Prayer Group meeting of the session will be held on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm. The evening involves walking around the church stopping at different points for reflection, readings, prayers and meditations. There will also be an opportunity for anyone, if desired, to be prayed over by Sheila on an individual basis.

A light supper is served at close of meeting.

Also any prayer requests can be handed to Sheila, on any Sunday before the meeting. For more information contact Sheila Love (561 4535).

Sheila Love

Church Diary

June

2	10:00	Morning Worship
9	10:00	Sacrament of Holy Communion
16	10:00	Morning Worship
23	10:00	Morning Worship
30	10:00	Morning Worship

July

7	10:00	Morning Worship
14	10:00	Morning Worship
21	10:00	Morning Worship
28	10:00	Morning Worship

August

4	10:00	Morning Worship
11	10:00	Morning Worship
18	10:00	Morning Worship
25	10:00	Morning Worship

September

1	11:15	Morning Worship, start of Junior Church
8	11:15	Sacrament of Holy Communion
15	11:15	Morning Worship
22	11:15	Morning Worship

Congregational Board
Wed 4 September at 7pm

Kirk Session
Wed 2 October at 7pm

(Please note: These dates, details and times may be subject to adjustment)

Brownies*

We are in our final term before Summer and have a joint Brownie/Guide holiday coming up full of outdoor activities and crafts! For information on registering your daughter for September or volunteering please contact Valerie Wilson at: 2ndrenfrewbrownies@gmail.com

Valerie Wilson

Brownie Leader

Junior Church

Junior Church has completed another year of bible stories, songs, drama, crafts, discussions and challenges generated by Spill the Beans. Along with the adults we've gone from stories of 'the beginning times' in Genesis through to Jesus' life and teaching in parables. We finished where it all began - with Love: God's love for us all and how we can love others. This was the theme of the service on 19 May led by the young people.



At that service everyone received a book, presented by Rhona McNeil. So, to all our young folk, happy reading over the summer! Don't forget, Ice Cream Sundays are on every week during the 10.00am services period. Catch up with your friends there till we're back at Junior Church on Sunday 1 September.

Aileen Winch

The Loungers

Loungers have been working on their contribution to the young people led prize-giving service in May. The Discover-Y group have been meeting with young people from Renfrew Christian Fellowship and everyone had the opportunity to attend "Alive" worship event in Renfrew North Church at 7PM on Saturday 18th May. This was a free event for all the family!



If you are interested in joining or getting more information on Loungers or Discover-Y, contact Valerie Wilson at renfrewnorthyouth@gmail.com

Valerie Wilson



Little Stars

The Little Stars have had a very interesting year, learning lots of stories from the bible. If you were to ask what their favourite activities were, I'm sure that they'd say anything to do with food!

However, recently, we were visited by our church elders. On this Sunday we were listening to the story about Jesus friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. The bible showed a picture of Lazarus coming out of the tomb wrapped in bandages. The children decided to recreate this scene using toilet rolls which we borrowed from the store cupboard! As none of the children wished to play the part of Lazarus, Marion Wallace kindly agreed. The children had a fabulous time (as you can see from the photos) and I'm pleased to report that like Lazarus, Marion rose up from her bandages to tell the tale!

By the time you read this, we will have finished for the session, however, we will return at 11.15am on Sunday 1st September and we welcome any children between the ages of 3 and Primary 1 (inclusive) to come along and join us for stories, songs, games and crafts.

Sheryll Pickering



The Men's Club

The Men's Club season finished with our 50th Anniversary Dinner in the Piccolo Mondo with over 30 members and their guests. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Rev Dr Lorna Hood, our former Honorary President her husband Peter, who was a former member. Our present Honorary President Rev Phillip Wallace was also present and led us in grace. We were lucky enough to have two of our founder members there, David Rendall and Gordon Laird. The evening went well with the big surprise of a beautiful cake and card sent by our very good friends from Trinity Church Men's Club rounding off our celebrations perfectly.

Alan Canavan

Club Secretary



Renfrew North's Forget-Me-Not Café

It has been another good year for the Forget-me-not Café with various people coming along to entertain us every other week and the alternate week doing games and crafts. These include indoor curling; dominoes; chess; card making and knitting. Everyone who comes along also enjoys the chat with some tea/coffee and home baking. Our photographs show some of our guests and a volunteer showing off the Easter Bonnets they made.

The café is open every Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, and is running throughout the summer; it only closes for Christmas and New Year weeks.

The purpose of the café is for carers of a relative or friend suffering from Dementia to have a place to meet with others in similar circumstances. This is a social event and the people who attend always tell us how much this weekly meet up means to them. People come from various parts of Renfrewshire.

Recently, Lisa Lauffer, Community Banker on behalf of the Royal Bank of Scotland, donated a Samsung Galaxy Tablet to the café. We hope to download games on to the tablet that some of our guests will enjoy on our games and crafts days, helping some to develop an interest that is both enjoyable and therapeutic. Also, a big thank you to 'Gus at



the Community Café for suggesting to Lisa to gift this to us.

If you or someone you know would like to come along please do or telephone either Marion or Irene for more information (see below).

Recently a number of volunteers have retired from the café and we are looking for new volunteers, as well as entertainers, so please let us know if you can help. You do not need to make a weekly commitment, it can be fortnightly or once a month. So why not give us a ring or come to the Café and have a chat with us either about volunteering at the café or coming along sometime to provide entertainment?

We are supported by Wendy and Carolyn from Alzheimer's Scotland; they attend when staffing allows, to offer support and advice.

Irene and I would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers for their continued support and hard work and a big thank you to our entertainers.

Irene Barr

(07771 893231) and

Marion Henderson

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FMN Cafe Co-ordinators



Boys' Brigade

As we approach the end of another session, it has been fantastic with boys taking part and achieving more and more. The Company Section has won the Battalion Championship at their level for the first time ever with the Juniors finishing runners up at their level, still a fantastic result.

It's not only the boys we need to congratulate in their skill and commitment in each activity, but the staff who support them learning new skills, developing existing ones and get the boys working together as a team. At time of writing we are in possession of twelve Battalion Trophies.... wow!!!



The formal presentation of the Battalion Trophy will take place on Sunday 2nd June at the Battalion Presentation Evening, this year in Renfrew North.

At time of writing we are approaching our Annual Display and Prizegiving, lots of effort going into putting on a good show of activities for parents, friends, and family. Such a busy time, we have just returned from our Weekend Camp at Carronvale House,

Larbert, where we had 20 boys taking part in a range of sports and activities around the centre, sports hall and outdoor facilities. Again, thanks to the staff who came along and led the weekend so ably.

Andrew Scott

Captain

1st/3rd Renfrew Boys' Brigade

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Baptisms



24 February 2019

Harris Robert Munro

Parents: Karen and Craig Munro



3 March 2019

Ruaridh James Cumming

Parents: Kevin and Yvonne Cumming

12 May 2019

Emilia Anne Donnelly

Parents: Fiona and Craig Donnelly

Thanksgiving

26 May 2019

Skye Isabella McPherson

Parents: Leanne Hunter and Robert McPherson



New Members by Certificate

Roll No	Name	District
792	Miss Jodie Love	33
793	Miss Abigail Wilson	66

Deaths

Roll No	Name	District	Date
722	Mrs Jean Stewart	3	20 Mar 19



The Guild

This year we have been fortunate the weather has been kind to us and we have not had to cancel any meetings.

We have 32 members on our register and our average attendance has been 27. Our programme this year has been varied with music and various topics covered. One of the highlights of the session was a visit from Rhona and our choir -- they were very well received with an excellent programme which everyone enjoyed. Project wise we heard from the Sailors Society and Malawi Fruits, both projects hope to make a difference improving the lives of individuals with the support of the Guild.

The session comprised of serious topics -- Playlist For Life -- Solar Ovens in Bolivia. Alex Gray the author visited to tell us about her literary journey. We also had lighter topics -- An evening of magic with Ross Mcrae and our own Liz McLay delighted us with a

demonstration of Christmas desserts. The visit by the Minister was very interesting when he discussed Fair Trade Fortnight and the difference this could make to daily life.

We finished the session with a concert by the Bearsden Fiddle Orchestra which everyone enjoyed in support of our projects. By the time you read this we will have been to St Andrews for the day and enjoyed a scenic bus trip to Crail for high tea at the Golf Hotel for high tea before returning.

A successful session enjoyed by everyone ---- Do think about joining us next year. In the meantime we hope everyone has a lovely relaxing summer irrespective of the weather. The new session begins on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone Welcome!

Cathie Cameron

Secretary

Plate Duties

Jun 23, Aug 18, Oct 13 - Leader: Cameron Jeffrey, Lesley Dargo, Charles Hamilton, David Henderson, Stuart Irving, Cameron Jeffrey, Gill McKay, Linda Smith

Jun 30, Aug 25, Oct 20 - Leader: Annette Russell, Catherine Adamson, Rena Bradley, Elizabeth Bruce, Elizabeth Bruce (from Oct 20), Jim Bruce, Alan Canavan, Rene Canavan, Alistair Corkindale, Roddy Lawrie, Ellen Strachan

Jul 7, Sep 1, Oct 27 - Leader: Gus Muchan, Jim Bain, Margaret Cumming, Fiona Hendrie, Scott Jeffrey, Lesley McFarlane, Rhona McNeil, Sandra Moir, Pamela Philp, Lesley Smith

Jul 14, Sep 8, Nov 3 - Leader: Eric Smyth, Evelyn Brown, John Buchan, Mary Dempster, Vicki Gerrard, Scott Mitchell, Andrew Scott, Aileen Winch, Jack Winch, Catherine Young

Jul 21, Sep 15, Nov 10 - Leader: Brian Donaldson, Dixon Drye, Adam Loutitt, Campbell McGregor, Robert McRae, Carole Melvin, Robert Melvin, Sheryl Pickering, Marion Wallace

Jun 2, Jul 28, Sep 22 - Leader: Eleanor Burns, Christine Barr, Betty Graham (not Sep 22), Marion Henderson, Sheila Love, Charlie Newlands, June Newlands, Bob Parker, Betty Wilson, Valerie Wilson

Jun 9, Aug 4, Sep 29 - Leader: Stewart Gilchrist, Alison Gerrard, Christine Louttit, Gary Louttit, Aileen Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sandra Muir, Gordon Simpson, Linda Simpson, May Stevenson

Jun 16, Aug 11, Oct 6 - Leader: Jim Mackie, Jacqueline Boyd, Elizabeth Cameron, Gordon Ferguson, Marian Ferguson, Marjorie Grant, David Kerr, Sandra Kerr, Jim McNeil, Ellen Weir, Marion Weir

(Please note: This is the editor's best attempt with information available at time of going to press. There may be some errors to be corrected later)

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